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Another year has rolled around and 'tis time again for lighted trees to gleam through snow-flaked panes; time to give thanks for a warm fireside, and for the red candle which has replaced the one-star flag in your window; time to greet old friends across the miles with a cheery card and enjoy new friends at your side.

Yes, it's time for

HERE'S THE DATE FOLKS!

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Farm Credit Club members to get together again to enjoy yuletide music, conversation, dancing, and snacking. Governor Duggan has given permission for the annual Christmas party to be held on December 21. It will be in the Little Theatre and you will be excused for a period in the afternoon to join the fun and do your share of WISHING EVERYBODY A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We'll see you there!



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Upon receipt of special Farm Credit Club membership fee of 50¢, the Grapevine will be mailed for 1 year to former employees of the FCA. It is sent free to all servicemen.

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Dear Santa:

There's a lot of grownup children around Farm Credit who are too bashful to walk up and tell you what they want for Christmas, so I have done a bit of snooping and will give you some hints. I heard FRANCIS SMITH say he wants the loudest plaid sport shirt you have got - wow, won't he look gorgeous! For GEORGE BARTLETT bring a second-hand flivver cause his feet are awful tired after 3 years of walking. MARY JANE BLYHOLDER wants something big, 'bout the size of Kenny Light. And put a new air-conditioned chicken coop in your pack for R. L. CRIM - rather for his chickens. Believe it or not, CHARLES BARTOW wants some Evening in Paris cologne. And for draping over GEORGE HINDE's broad shoulders, bring a pair of "red" suspenders, you know what for! Some of the girls, like MARY JANE MCGEE and KATHRYN PRICE, suggested that you pass around some eligible men; but,

Santa, I'll bet those gals are hard to please, so maybe you could settle with them for some nylon hose - if they are any easier to get than the other. J. M. SEEBY says he doesn't want anything but what he doesn't want the most is another set of rumors about the Washington move. Will you please hunt up a book on "How to cajole a fourth partner into a bridge game without the aid of a shot gun" and put HESTER WATERS' name on it? TORRENCE CEASE is wishing for a set of quintuplets - been worrying 'bout his income tax, I'll bet. DOROTHY WILSON and JEANETTE PAETZER want their husbands home and out of the reach of those "slick chicks" across the ocean - and but quick! Just

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News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

NEW SERVICE ADDRESSES

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NEWS OF OUR RETURNED SERVICE PEOPLE

Every week now finds Farm Credit welcoming back into its corridors more of its personnel who have been absent on military furlough. As we talk with these people we find ourselves filled

with pride which grows with each interview - a pride in the fact that we were represented in the services by such clean-cut, competent, earnest, and above all, modest individuals.

We are grouping in this issue of the GRAPEVINE brief interviews with six of the newly returned service personnel:

Army life has often been reflected in this column from the returned service man's standpoint, but now we view it from the returned service woman's angle through an interview with Emma Ree Hubbs, late of the Women's Army Corps. Of course, every woman was not so fortunate as to be Secretary to Headquarters Commandant of U.S.A.F.F. (General McArthur's outfit) or in the Chief Clerk's office of the Information Section at Manila, as she was, but her experiences reflect much credit to all women workers and the ultimate worth of the services they rendered.

Leaving FCA in February of 1943, she was given basic training at Des Moines and then sent to Camp Upton, New York, (often called the Army's Country Club), where she kept the records in the station hospital, and assisted in the Dispensary. In June of 1944 she left San Francisco for Brisbane, Australia, and work with the Casualty Section there and in New Guinea. Her next assignment was to the Information and Education Section of U.S.A.F.F.E. at Manila. On the way to the plane which was to take her to Manila a jeep ran into her, causing her to be hospitalized for 3 weeks. When she reached Manila (via Tacloban, Leyte) more excitement attended her as a Jap spy was caught in the confines of the WAC's quarters on the day of her arrival.

Among the civilian workers under her

supervision at Manila was the niece of Manuel Quezon as well as many prominent artists and writers who assisted in the publication of a weekly newspaper, Map Talks, and supplementary information dealing with Japan and all other places to which our men were to be sent. In this way they were instructed in geography and history, diseases for which to look out, climate, and all other details considered pertinent to their welfare.

Emma Ree remained with U.S.A.F.F.E. until she was returned to the States in October 1945, and received her honorable discharge on November 1. The decorations she wears, and of which she is justly proud, are as follows: Victory Medal, Asiatic Theatre ribbon, two bronze battle stars, WAAC Service ribbon, good conduct medal, Philippines Liberation ribbon, and two overseas bars. She is presently vacationing at home in Illinois, but will be back with FCA in the new year.

The Review Unit of Finance and Accounts has had its staff augmented by three young men, all of whom left Farm Credit in the fall of 1942 and returned just this month. They are Harold E. Hunsaker, W. Emery Brown, and John C. Jeffers.

Harold Hunsaker was in the Field Section of FMC when he "joined up." He spent all of his army life in the United States - $1\frac{1}{2}$ years at Buckley Field near Denver, Colorado, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ years at Santa Monica, California. Though kept in the States because his particular kind of ability was needed in personnel classification work here, his job with the Western Technical Training Command of the Air

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Strictly Personal



Accounts Subdivision. Mary Denton and Shirley Ellefson returning from a holiday at Mary's home in St. Joe, Mo., report a "hot" time at a "fireman's ball" they attended....Helen McCabe is back at her desk following a 2 weeks' illness....Bert Colombe and family motored to Oklahoma City for the Thanksgiving weekend....Ice cream and cake were served during a rest period on November 30 in celebration of birthdays of Louise Morgan, Caroline Schmitt, and Bert Colombe....Donna Beirne's sergeant brother, Irwin, has arrived home from Okinawa with his discharge in hand....Farewells were said to Mary Jo DeMasters and Bob Drescher, Mary Jo going to Texas to join her husband and Bob going to Fort Leavenworth to join Uncle Sam's boys. Mary Jo was given a party at the Muehlebach Terrace Grill by Donna Beirne, Caroline Schmitt, Peggy Zimm, Loree Proctor, and Louise Noblet.

Administrative Accounts. On her first plane trip recently, Mary Margaret Donnelly journeyed to Omaha, where she spent 4 days visiting friends....Letha Johnson, in parting from FCA, was honored by friends with a luncheon at the Drum Room of Hotel President. A corsage of Talisman roses and a set of crystal glasses were presented to her... Most notable happening of the week was the wedding of Ruth Burris, lovely in shimmering white satin, to Dick Elliott, on December 1 at the Roanoke Methodist Church....Eileen and Mary Hague introduced their brother, John, to coworkers on his arrival home from 30 months' service overseas....Rae Crim is proudly announcing that her son, Robt. E. Lee Crim, a sophomore at Fork Union Military

Academy in Virginia, was recently made a noncommissioned officer....Members of Audit Unit were surprised by a visit from former coworker C. W. "Skip" Jump and Mrs. Jump, now living in Cameron, Mo....Charles Snyder was a member of the wedding party of a buddie, Sgt. Ray Ottinger, recently returned from Italy, on November 25 at Memorial Christian Church....Edith Carlson is glad over word that her brother has arrived in the States after 9 months overseas with the Signal Corps; also because her tiny nephew who has been seriously ill at the University of Kansas Hospital is improving....Olive Russell's smile is gay over news that her son, Brent, has arrived in the States following 37 months overseas with the 199th Field Artillery Battalion. Sgt. Russell is presently in Dibble General Hospital in Menlo Park, Calif., and is expected home soon.

Chief of Administrative Division's Office and Planning. Dick Prewitt is welcomed back to Planning Section from military service....Accepting a sudden offer of a position with Allis Chalmers Company in St. Louis, Lyle Young said so long to FCA on November 29....Bernice Meyers traveled to Excelsior Springs, Mo., for Thanksgiving Eve dinner at the Elms Hotel....The only flaw in Paul Rapp's Chicago holiday was the "cod" he acquired in his "hed."

Chief Clerk's Office. Tom Piper's sister-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Piper, was a recent guest of his....John Maguire can now face December 15 with a smile because he has found a place to call home out in Lenexa, Kans.

Cooperative. BC presidents are holding their annual meeting in New Orleans during the week of December 3 to 8....Helen Johnston of CR&S, on a westward business trip, spent a weekend with Alma Day and visited friends in the

central office....Margaret Panrucker is recuperating at her home from the flu... Another Washingtonian of CR&S, John Warm, spent a week in the division.... Thanksgiving vacationists include Peggy Lowe and Mary Jeanne Schaaf who traveled to their homes in Erie, Kans., and Maryville, Mo., respectively; and G. D. Thompson who motored to Iowa.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Mary McElroy's mother and father arrived from Stanberry, Mo., for Thanksgiving dinner with her....A holiday weekend was spent by Eloise Moss with her soldier husband in St. Louis...."Major" Pepperman and Jack Frost, a bachelor with Mrs. Frost visiting in California, enjoyed turkey dinner at the home of Bob Eberhart.

Examination. Charlotte Liebling week-ended in Topeka, Kans....Dorothy Campbell, settling the question of permanent residence in Kansas City, transferred to the Office of Production Marketing....There was a gala Thanksgiving feast at the home of Elizabeth Welch's mother when Elizabeth's two brothers arrived home from overseas' duty....Eileen Pascher, returning from a vacation trip to South Dakota, brought pheasants to bedeck the dinner tables of several coworkers.

F&A Executive & General. A recent pleasure of Harriette Holdren was attendance of a sorority dinner in Pittsburg, Kans....Ruth Hudson is anticipating the arrival of her sister from Dalhart, Tex., for a visit....Nina Stabe spent Thanksgiving weekend with her mother in Grant City, Mo....Verna Brewer flew to Joplin, Mo., to visit relatives.

Finance Subdivision. The John Muller family is enjoying the visit of daughter, Gladys, of the WAC's, who is awaiting orders to join Commissioner

McNutt's office in Manila....Lucille Barr has returned from a "wonderful" vacation in San Bernardino, Calif., spent with that special man in her life....Bill Albright is moving into a new apartment in Fairfax Hills and says "Who could ask for a better Christmas gift?"

General Files. Mary Freeze reports her venture to the stockyards to photograph some of nature's four-footed beasts a success....A busy person these days is Alvina Preinert preparing for a month's vacation in D. C....Delma Ford has parted from F&A to join her soldier husband in Salt Lake City.... Dropping in to visit were Gilbert Lagergren, F&A'er just back from overseas; and Kenneth Penn, former employee....Vacationists who traveled to other cities to dine upon Thanksgiving turkey include Julia Connor to Trenton, Mo.; Charles Geiss to Ottawa, Kans.; and Pat Brazzel to Hatfield, Mo.

Graphic. The sudden disappearance of Bessie Docman from her desk was caused by the arrival of Lt. George Acinger from overseas....Ethel Webb's mother from Carthage, Mo., was a guest of hers....Edna Misterek admits she has been chasing a man - her 9-year old nephew, who, with her mother, arrived from Delmont, S. Dak., for a visit. Seeing for the first time street cars and elevators, he must follow each one with fascinated eyes and fast feet.... Citizen John Kennedy has been "requested" to serve on the jury....A Thanksgiving entree was enjoyed by members of the section on Wednesday afternoon during rest period.

Information & Extension. Marie Fuhr headed eastward for a long anticipated vacation in Pennsylvania and D. C.... Week-end hunters included E. B. Reid, Tom Pritchard, and L. J. Washington.... A Thanksgiving Day guest of Catherine

Champe was her daughter who attends Northwestern University in Illinois.... Members of the division gathered on November 30 to celebrate the birthdays of E. B. "bubble blower" Reid and Mary "little chick" Watson. Mr. Reid, leaving on official business, was encouraged to take his birthday bubble blower gift on the train.

Intermediate Credit. Star hunter of the division is Catherine Fox, who, with her husband, Larry, returns almost every weekend from trips to the Lake of the Ozarks region with bags of rabbits, squirrels, and quail, to say nothing of numerous scratches acquired in stalking the game up and down hills and through underbrush.

Land Bank. Several members of the division attended the lovely wedding of Floyd Prentice's daughter, Ruth Marjorie, on November 21 to Jack Clare Schroll at the Westport Presbyterian Church.... Mr. and Mrs. E. Diebel are vacationing in Victoria, Tex.... Bernice Schmitt was away from her desk for a few days because of illness.... A recent guest of Dixie Donelson was her brother, Harold, recently discharged from the Army.... Mr. and Mrs. Letus Wallace are engaged in the "pastime" of moving to their new home in Fairway.... Vacationists speeding to nearby cities over the Thanksgiving holidays include Marjorie Hinds to Topeka to visit relatives and friends; LaVerne Ferguson to her home in Pittsburg, Kans.; and Arlene Donason to St. Louis.

Library. Phoebe Norton's mother, Julia, a former FCA'er flew into town on a recent Wednesday and "whisked" daughter, Phoebe, away to Denver and on to Cheyenne, Wyo., for the wedding of daughter, Ann.... Recent house guests of Louise Pressgrove include her nephew, Lt. Will Reese Mullens, who came on leave from the Naval Submarine base in

New London, Conn., to wed a Kansas City girl on November 24; and her brother, W..P. Mullens, and Mrs. Mullens from Franklin, Tenn.

Mail. Mabel Cease was surprised by a visit from her sister from Pennsylvania. ... 'Tis gossiped around that a certain yeoman found that something new had been added to the mail room, namely Mary Kidwell.... Bob Dillon was "granging" for 10 days - the National Grange Convention had him going.... Pleasure jaunts were recently enjoyed by messengers, including Inma Waechter to Georgetown, Ill., via Chicago to visit her sister-in-law and tiny nephew; Pat Carleton to Beloit, Kans., to visit friends and relatives; and Al Schmeckel to Minnesota.

Personnel. Geraldine Lloyd is recuperating at her home from an attack of the flu.... Betty Taylor's family recently weekendened with her.... Marie Wassenberg has been made happy by the news that her husband is receiving his discharge at Camp Chaffee, Ark., and will soon be home.... Travelers over the Thanksgiving weekend include Ruth Biggerstaff to Wichita to see her sister and her brother-in-law, a recent returnee from Europe; Josephine Gerdes to Omaha to visit her family; Elinor Mitchell to St. Joe, Mo.; Connie Callaway to Bolivar, Mo.; Katherine Delany and Camille Humbrecht to St. Louis to visit Katherine's sister; and Carrietta Rech to Howard, Kans., to see her family.

Production Credit. Gwen Goode is improving rapidly at her home from a recent operation at Research Hospital... Dick de Sousa, returning from military service in Italy, was a visitor in the division before traveling westward to take up duties at the FCC of Berkeley... To "Cap" Arnold comes word that his son, Lt. Bob Arnold, has docked in Yokohama Bay following a rough boat

ride...Emma Lou Peske, who parted from FCA to bask in Florida sunshine, has been saying hello to friends in Kansas City....

Purchase & Supply. Archie Graves is welcomed back to the section following his receipt of that highly prized prize, a release to civilian life....For a half hour's radio enjoyment, listen in on Lawrence Hayden who sings and directs his church choir on Sunday eve at 10 o'clock over KCKN....Among the 21,000 enthusiasts at the MU-KU football game in Kansas City on Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend were the Francis Smiths and the Gene Terrys.

Revolving Fund. Louise Schwendeman is on leave in St. Louis with husband, Jimmy, now out of the Navy.

Solicitor's Office. Jean Sutter is at home recovering from a recent tonsillectomy....Adelina Doyle has returned from a vacation spent with her newly welcomed-home husband....A family reunion drew Margaret and Boots Porter to Iowa over the Thanksgiving holidays....Betty Witmer, detailing in the division, will spend some leave with her husband who is returning from overseas.

Stenographic. Jeanne Walkup weekendened in St. Joe, Mo....A WAC from Rosecrens Field in St. Joe was a recent guest of Marie Hanawalt....Lula Tavenner has received word that her son, Russell, is enroute home from India....A motor trip to Lawrence, Kans., including visits to Haskell Institute and Kansas University, was made by Marjorie Nelson, Marjorie Freel, and Ella Nichols....Journeys to homes in Missouri and Kansas were made over Thanksgiving weekend by Mildred Baum, Ruth Kehr, Ruth Brecheisen, Marceline Pearson, and Evelyn Sell.

Tabulating. Resignee Pauline Norton was honored at a luncheon held in the

Penguin Room of Hotel Continental and presented a leather-bound book entitled "Our Yesterdays" by coworkers....Helen Vernon is spending some leave with her husband following his discharge from the Army....Traveler Peggy Smyth "took in" the sights of St. Louis over a weekend....Word of his sailor brother's promotion to gunner's mate 3/c has reached Dick Robertson....Present guests of Elisa Sandoval are her father and mother from Santa Fe, N. M. Elisa is also glad over word that her brother, Justin, has arrived in San Francisco from duty in Korea.

Telephone. Mary McBride writes that she is again a civilian and enjoying a visit with her folks in Jamestown, Kans., before returning to Kansas City.

FUN WITH BIRDS

All bird lovers are invited to attend lecture and movies on backyard birds by Mrs. Laurel Reynolds in Edison Hall, Kansas City Power and Light Building, on Friday, December 14, at 8 p.m. Admission is free, and no tickets are required.

When Laurel Reynolds took up birds as a hobby it was, she admits, in self-defense. Her husband, she learned too late, had another love. He loved birds, all kinds from bushtits to condors, and pursued them from Death Valley to Mt. Rainier. Mrs. Reynolds came to the conclusion that her husband wasn't likely to change, and it looked as if she would have to; that if birds were so much fun for him, maybe she'd find them fun, too. Mrs. Reynolds decided that instead of finding birds for other people to photograph, they ought to take their own pictures. Thus, a whole new world was opened to a housewife, who had had a

constant rival. Let Mrs. Reynolds tell her story of how she found beauty and interest at her very back door.

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Everything has its ups and downs, and bridge is no exception. In the eighth round of play Erma Dinger moved into second place with a score of 27,910. John Maguire maintains his lead with 31,800, and Ellis Batten is in third spot with 27,100. Others in the top half are Kathleen Thomas, with 26,260, Dorothy O'Bryan, 25,940, Ella Wells, 25,910, Pearl Ferguson, 24,700, and Lorraine Meyers, 23,360. With only three more sessions of play, anything can happen.

SING! YE SINNERS!

All you who did your Christmas shopping from 12:45 until 1:15, November 30, instead of dropping in at 1345-E to hear the Choral Group, certainly missed out on a musical treat and an opportunity to pick up a lot of Christmas spirit.

Everybody was singing and clapping hands like never before. Mr. James Fern, the director, who everyone likes to call "Jimmie," has so much music in him that you sing in spite of yourself, whether you are in the audience or in the chorus. When he swings on the down beat in your direction, you give out with song.

If you could have seen the expressions on the faces of those present while he sang "Always," you could understand why the choral group has gained so many new members. Jimmie loves to sing. Spontaneity is his specialty. He sang a song up the scale about "...a pussy who would never be a kitten or never be

a cat, for she's a pussy willow, now what do you think of that? Miaow, Miaow, Miaow..." right down the scale again and everyone followed him accurately as if they had sung the song for years.

Sixteen women's voices, blended in balanced three-part harmony, sang "Joy to the World," "Oh! Come All Ye Faithful," "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Sleep, Kentucky Babe," "The Anniversary Waltz," "Somewhere In Old Wyoming," "Chickery-chick, cha la cha la," Brahms' "Lullaby," "Silent Night," and "White Christmas," with "Good Night Ladies," concluding the program.

Don't feel too bad about not hearing them this time, their first public appearance since Mr. Fern became their director, because two more appearances have been scheduled. They sing before the WAGS' Christmas program, December 20, and also at the Farm Credit Club Christmas party, December 21, so put those dates first on your "must" list.

CRIM DETERMINATION

This story is for young folks who feel that they will never live long enough to accumulate sufficient years of service to retire. Instead of envying those employees who have attained them, follow the story of Mr. R. I. Crim and learn how it is done.

"It seems only yesterday," Mr. Crim recently remarked, "when I accepted my first Government position, yet today I have twenty-eight years of service to my credit."

It all happened when young Crim decided, during the first world war, that he would like a career on the high seas. Too young for the Army but not for the Navy, Bob went to visit an

aunt in Washington, D. C., where he could enlist, and while there he took a civil service examination just in case Uncle Sam would not need him. He received his first appointment on November 6, 1917 with the U. S. Post Office Department.

Early the next year he went to the U.S. Naval Gun Factory, and here Bob got a jolt. The job was a typing job and he couldn't type, but anyway he mastered that typewriter by the famous old hunt and peck system. The work consisted of making eight to ten copies of gun inspection reports and bored Bob no end, but he kept at it and today he never writes longhand if he can get a typewriter.

After November 1918, he returned to the Post Office Department as auditor. Bob left the Gun Factory because he said the work was monotonous, but it may have been because there were no girls in the office. Women didn't work in the Navy Yard until after the first world war. Now look! WAVE after WAVE of them. Bob was born twenty years too soon, that's all.

The next step in Bob's career occurred in 1925. He was now referred to as Mr. Crim because he had become Chief Clerk and Junior Administrative Assistant in the U.S.D.A. Farmer's Seed Loan Office, still working in Washington. In 1930 he was designated as Temporary Special Disbursing Agent with headquarters at Grand Forks, North Dakota, for the purpose of disbursing relief loan funds. When he returned to Washington he was business manager of the Farmer's Seed Loan Office for Washington and the field offices.

Mr. Crim became an FCA'er in 1933, when various Agricultural Credit agencies were consolidated to form the Farm Credit Administration. In 1941 he was

appointed as Chief of the Purchase and Supply Section, which position he holds today. But don't get the idea that Mr. Crim is ready to retire. He has a good many years ahead of him before he reaches retirement age. Besides, he likes the Government. There have been many changes since he started to work, but he admits that the days when you could get thirty days' vacation were the best although he was never known to take all his leave in any one year.

Mr. Crim and his wife, Rae, who also works in F.C.A., live in a suburban home fifteen miles from Kansas City. They have one boy, Robert E. Lee Crim, a cadet at Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, Virginia, who is preparing for West Point.

Mr. Crim has lived a happy life because he has had so many hobbies. He raises Cocker spaniels, White Rock chickens, flowers, and vegetables, and has shown a definite talent as a cabinet workman. But that's not all. Bob is an excellent cook, with pastry a specialty. The Crims are known for their Virginia hospitality, and guests are sometimes surprised when served pie which Mr. Crim has baked. Up until he was seven years old he was the girl in the family. Like Herby, he wore dresses, plus long curls, simply because his mother had her heart set for a girl. But he learned to cook and he says he hasn't found a recipe to stump him yet. That's quite a record.

It might interest you to know that Mr. Crim plans to have a farm when he retires. That's what the man said - a farm. But when you remember his successful attempts at victory gardening, you can understand why. He seems to have a knack.

His advice is to stop looking across

the road into what seems to be a greener pasture than the one you are in. Just keep steadily grazing where you are and before you know it you will be looking right into a promising retirement while you are still young enough to enjoy it, as is Mr. Crim.

Letter to Santa
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drop a one-way ticket to D. C. into PAUL RAPP'S sock - even one with an upper berth will be gratefully accepted. LENA "gold digger" KENT is looking for a rich old bachelor with one foot in the grave and the other one right behind it. Some folks will settle for something small; MILT JONES and E. DIEBEL could use some fasciators - but don't make a mistake and bring crocheted head coverings, they want the kind you fish with, and JOHN GULL asks for a Santa Fe cigar. Then there's OLIVE GILLETTE who could be persuaded to accept a mink coat. Heard one serious request, Santa - 'twas from JULIA CONNOR and I will say it to you just like she said it: "If I could have what I want for Christmas, I would not ask for material things; I would ask that the love which surpasseth all understanding be made to permeate the earth and that peace would become a reality instead of a wish." Do you know what that means, Santa? I don't, so maybe you had better bring ME a dictionary. Thanks a million.

Lovingly,
"Snoopy"

P.S. Oh, yes, will you fix up something specially nice for PAT ROSS 'cause she doesn't believe in you, and I would like to have her find out that you will always be around.

Pat Carleton replaces Kathleen Thomas as Mail Room reporter.

NEWS OF OUR RETURNED SERVICE PEOPLE
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Forces was thoroughly interesting and most worthwhile. The turnover of men in the military services was almost too high to be visualized, and evidence of the skill with which the transfers were engineered was the extraordinary efficiency with which our army as a whole operated. Mr. Hunsaker assisted in this large-scale movement of men for the Air Forces, checking records, placing them to best advantage, and shifting them about in answer to needs as they came up.

W. Emery Brown left the F&A Review Unit on November 20, 1942, and served with the Air Corps for two years. After the Battle of the Bulge many Air Corps men were transferred to the infantry, and he was among them. Most of his time overseas was spent in Germany, with his time in England limited to two weeks when he went there to board the Queen Mary for the trip home. He was returned from the European Theater last spring for the purpose of being intensively trained for combat in the Southwest Pacific. Fortunately, he didn't have to leave the States again.

Life on board a "Commando ship" was full of thrills and chills for Yeoman 3rd, John C. Jeffers. Bombed many times during his 60,000 miles of travel in combat zones, his own ship escaped a direct hit, but often had the unhappy task of picking up survivors from sister ships which were not so fortunate. He greatly admires the New Zealanders who made up the Commando teams whose exploits he assisted in carrying out. Their grit and coolness under fire made a lasting impression. His ship also carried some of the wonderful swimmers of our own underwater demolition squads.

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Home Service News



The refrain "I'll be home for Christmas" is finding its basis in fact for many FCA servicemen, and numbers of them will be "checking in" as the day grows nearer. But the Servicemen's Committee, headed by Rose Fleming is bent on seeing that those still in the service are not forgotten. Because of the uncertainty of their whereabouts, the committee decided not to send gift boxes. Instead each man and woman will receive a personalized greeting from the Farm Credit Club. Any up-to-the-minute information regarding addresses will be welcomed by the committee, which includes: Linus Gardner, R. H. Cawood, Bob Steffey, Helen Bailey, Betty DeGraffenreid.

SERVICE NEWS

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These men went into the water with huge pieces of dynamite and no protection against shore batteries except what the covering ships could furnish at a distance. Other hazardous undertakings in which Mr. Jeffers participated were amphibious landings in New Guinea and the Marianas, refueling at sea, and collision at sea with 50,000 tons of dynamite on board. He finished his service at Pearl Harbor with the Flag Ship - Admiral Nimitz' headquarters. After three years of such experiences we shouldn't wonder if at times the routine at FCA should seem monotonous to Mr. Jeffers.

On September 1, 1945, Robert L. Steffey returned to FCA after two years in the service. He was stationed in England at the largest air force base in the world, near Liverpool. Mr. Steffey was placed in the Statistical Control Unit under the Office of Management Control, out of Washington, D. C. This work was of the liaison type, and carried on the important task of acting as a coordinating unit for the 8th and 9th Air Forces; Mr. Steffey is another example of one whose specialized training at FCA fitted him to do an important job for the army in a field where not many were qualified to serve.

Leland Geiss left the Files Section of FCA in 1943, completed a bombardier training course as an aviation cadet, and received his wings and commission at Big Springs, Texas, in July 1943. Excerpts from a citation follow: "15th AAF IN ITALY - 1st. Lieutenant Leland C. Geiss, bombardier of a B-24 Liberator in the 15th Air Force in Italy, was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for 'extraordinary achievement during aerial flights over enemy territory.'

"Last June, Lieutenant Geiss, lead bombardier, led his formation through intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire for a successful precision bombing of the vital enemy oil storage and refinery at Giurgiu, Rumania, and in spite of a later attack by sixty enemy fighters, returned safely to the home base.....

A veteran of 50 missions in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, he has participated in bombing attacks on aircraft factories and oil refineries in Vienna, and other targets in German occupied Europe.

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Club Room Notes



NEW RECORD ALBUMS AVAILABLE

"If you are fortunate enough to own a phonograph, you owe it to yourself to look over the club's collection of record albums. All varieties of music are included, popular, semi-classical, and classical. Best of all, these albums may be borrowed at a charge of only a few cents a day. Recently acquired records include the following:

PETER AND THE WOLF by Prokofieff, played by the Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky.

SONG OF NORWAY based on the melodies of Edward Grieg, sung by Irra Petina and Robert Weede.

CONCERTO NO. 2 in G Minor for violin and orchestra by Prokofieff, played by Jascha Heifetz and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

NUTCRACKER SUITE by Tschaikevsky, played by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski.

ON THE TOWN by Bernstein, ballet conducted by the composer, and Victor Chorale and Orchestra conducted by Robert Shaw.

PLACE BOOK ORDERS NOW

Members wishing to make certain that they will receive books and magazines by Christmas should place their orders immediately with the librarian in the club room. On books the

approximate discount amounts to 20 percent; but the discount on magazines varies according to the demand - for instance the club can offer no discount on subscriptions to LIFE or TIME whereas subscriptions to VOGUE may be obtained at a discount of about 15 percent.

Do you plan to give books for Christmas? Then you will find an interesting list of gift suggestions on page 5 of the New York Times Book Review for December 2. The fiction leaders are Sinclair Lewis' CASS TIMBERLANE and William Maxwell's THE FOLDED LEAF; and the nonfiction leaders, Bill Mauldin's UP FRONT and Richard Wright's BLACK BOY.

NEW BOOKS

New books recently received in the club library include:

FRATER VIOLET by Christopher Isherwood
THE MARRIAGE OF JOSEPHINE by

Marjorie Coryn

THE GLASS CRUTCH by Jim Bishop
THE RIVER ROAD by Frances

Parkinson Keyes

CHRISTINE ROUX by Thames Williamson

COUNTRY MOUSE by Louise A. Kent

WHERE MY LOVE SLEEPS by Clifford Dowdey

YOUR CLUB SERVES AGAIN

Don't forget that cord and wrapping paper are available in the club room for your use in wrapping your personal Christmas packages.

If you wish to use the mail room for mailing your packages, please bring them in already wrapped between the hours of 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Sportlight

FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

November 29, 1945

| Standings | W | L | PINS |
|--------------|----|----|--------|
| Reports | 21 | 15 | 26,189 |
| Accounts | 21 | 15 | 24,407 |
| Harvesters | 20 | 16 | 27,058 |
| Field Acctg. | 19 | 17 | 26,233 |
| Graphic | 18 | 18 | 26,835 |
| Short-Term | 17 | 19 | 25,869 |
| Examination | 16 | 20 | 26,575 |
| Bankers | 12 | 24 | 23,743 |

Actual

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|-----|--------------|-------|
| HIG | Olson | 248 |
| HIS | Dahill | 634 |
| HTC | Field Acctg. | 924 |
| HTS | Harvesters | 2,450 |

Handicap

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|-----|--------------|-------|
| HTC | Field Acctg. | 924 |
| HTS | Examination | 2,465 |

Big Three

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|-----------|--------|
| Dahill | 181-29 |
| Prewitt | 168-2 |
| Warburton | 162-30 |

Once again Accounts caught their opponents on an off-night and took 3 from first-place Harvesters. John Reed with 158, Joe McLeish's 159 and Bill Holman's 142 piled up a big enough margin to take the first handily and

Accounts coasted on through the next 2 games. With the exception of "Wheel-horse" Dahill, who contributed 540-192 and Stanton, who had 404-173, Harvesters were way below their averages.

It was a bad evening for both of the league leaders, although Reports started strong with Robertson's 129 and Keith Scott's 171 winning the first with ease. Then Short-Term's Warburton got hot and closed his evening with 533-220, which with Murphy's 433-177 clinched the last 2. Grover Cleveland opened with 78 for Reports, but closed with 147.

Field Accounting borrowed the first two from the luckless Bankers, the second by only 8 pins when Uhlberg broke out with a 518-187 and Carley contributed a 178 in the first. Brownell's 482-181 saved Bankers from a shut-out.

Graphic took the odd one from Examination when returning Airman Dick Prewitt, who had not bowled in 3 years, demonstrated the benefits of Army training by nonchalantly pitching 506-190 to step into second place in the Big Three. George Olson got back into the groove for Examination with a 549-200, but even then Examination might have dropped 3 were it not for Bixler's 170 in the second.

FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Team Standings

| Team | W | L | PIN FALL |
|------------|----|----|----------|
| Legal | 24 | 12 | 21,426 |
| Reports | 19 | 17 | 21,074 |
| Personnel | 18 | 18 | 21,088 |
| F & A | 18 | 18 | 20,865 |
| Purchase | 18 | 18 | 20,695 |
| Audit | 17 | 19 | 20,091 |
| Production | | | |
| Credit | 16 | 20 | 19,758 |
| Graphic | 14 | 22 | 20,144 |

Records

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|-----|---------|-------|
| HTS | Reports | 740 |
| HTC | Reports | 2,021 |
| HIG | Carter | 201 |
| HIS | McGee | 537 |

Averages

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|--------|-----|
| McGee | 146 |
| Palmer | 137 |
| Terry | 136 |

Personnel dropped the series to Legal despite Wassenberg's 156-403. Terry's 180-515 was high game and set for the evening but was not enough to keep Reports from taking three games from Purchase. After losing the first two, Finance and Accounts turned in the extra pin necessary to take a tie game from Graphic. Production Credit took the first and last games from Audit with Carter rolling 158-412 for the losers.

FILE YOUR LOAN APPLICATIONS EARLY

In order to assist the credit committee of your Credit Union to pass on your loan application at its regular meeting on Thursday of each week, please leave your application in room 1254 before 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Checks for loans approved at the Thursday meeting will be ready for distribution on Friday morning.

We were sorry to read in THE WASHINGTON POST, Monday, November 26, that Alice Ferrari O'Donnell, wife of Stanley M. O'Donnell, both former FCA employees, died Friday, November 23, in Washington, D.C.

THEATRE GUILD GOES WEST

"Oklahoma" is coming to Kansas City! During the winter and spring of 1946 the Theatre Guild-American Theatre Society will present four plays including, in addition to its big musical hit, the following plays: Philip Barry's "Foolish Notion" with Talullah Bankhead, Oscar Wilde's "Lady Windemere's Fan," and a new American play to be announced later.

You may now subscribe for the four plays at the office of the Playgoers' League in the lobby of the main arena of the Municipal Auditorium. Subscription rates run from \$7.15 to \$13.75, according to location of seats in the Music Hall.

SERVICE NEWS

(Continued from page 11)

"He holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and is authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge as a member of a heavy bombardment group which has been cited by the War Department for "outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

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"Who's the absent-minded one now," said the professor as they left the church one rainy night. "You left your umbrella back there, and I not only remembered mine but I brought yours too." And he produced them from his coat.

His wife gazed blankly at him. "But," said she, "neither of us brought an umbrella to church."

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A fiery tempered Southern gentleman wrote the following letter: "Sir, my stenographer, being a lady, cannot type what I think of you. I, being a gentleman, cannot dictate it. You, being neither, will understand what I mean."